THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it does not collect Industry-wise data. However, the details regarding gross Bank Credit to Rural, Semi-Urban and Urban/Metropolitan areas during the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in crores)

As on March	Rural	Semi-urban	Urban/Metropolitan
2000	47396	55022	366614
2001	56017	63857	436562
2002	65700	73355	544536

(c) and (d) National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance support under Investment Credit (Non-Farm Sector) to Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks, State Cooperative Banks, State Cooperative and Agricultural and Rural Development Banks and Scheduled Primary (Urban) Cooperative Banks for financing Small Scale Industries, Cottage and Village Industries, Rural Artisans, Handicrafts, Handloom Weavers and approved Service Sector activities so as to promote Integrated Rural Development. Similarly, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) under its promotional and developmental activities lays emphasis on small and tiny units under schemes like Micro Credit Scheme (MCS) and Rural Industries Programme (RIP). RIP of SIDBI aims at promotion of tiny enterprises in rural and semi-urban areas. SIDBI has reported that as on March 31, 2002, 8485 units have been promoted under RIP in 59 districts in 22 States. SIDBI is also providing assistance under National Programme for Rural Industrialization (NPRI).

Inspection under Section 209

4071. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inspection under Section 209 was ordered against DSQ Software, Padmini Polymers, Ranbaxy and Piramal Group;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any applications from these companies for compounding the offences under Section 621A; and

(d) what are the names of the companies and the details of offences?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Inspection of M/s DSQ Software Ltd., M/s Padmini Polymers Ltd. & M/s Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. u/s 209A was ordered based on SEBI's preliminary investigation report. No inspection was ordered in respect of Piramal Group.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, Names of the companies and nature of offences for which compounding applications received are detailed as under :

Name of Company	Details of Offences
DSQ Software Limited	Sec. 75(1), 81(1), 150(1), 209(1), 212(8), 217(3), 224(8)(b), 295(1)(d), 372A(5), 372A(3) & 301(1) of the Companies Act, 1956
Padmini Polymers Limited	Sec. 58A, 113, 147, 150, 159/220, 209(1)(d), 301, 383A & 418 of the Companies Act, 1956
Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited	Sec 211 of the Companies Act, 1956

Cut in Interest Rates on Investment Schemes

4072. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation against the Budgetary proposals to cut down the interest rates on the various investment schemes offered by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the representations and Governments's response in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) Representations regarding various issues relating to small savings schemes, including revision of interest rates, have been received by the Government. These issues/demands have provided valuable inputs for framing Government's policy towards small savings.